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THE  
Spanish NOTES,

OR,

The Unparallel'd

IMPOSTURE

OF

*Michael de Molina,*

Executed at *Madrid* in the Year, 1641.

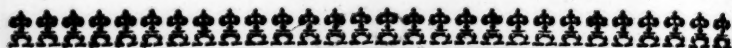
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*Michael de Molina,*  
Of *Cuenca* in the Kingdom of *Castile*,  
To *Titus Ambrosio*, of *Salamanca*, in  
the County of *Rutland*, Greeting.

**F**ew Words are best; among Friends. Here's a  
**Plot** for your **Plot**, and a **Hanging**  
**Speech** into the Bargain. The *One* may serve  
for your *Instruction*, and the *Other* for your *Example*.

*Michael de Molina.*



*The Spanish OTES, &c.*

**M**ichael de Molina, Born of Honest Parents at Cuenca, a City in the Kingdom of Castile, bred there in the Jesuits Colledge, and after at the University of Alcala de Henares; to try his fortune, went thence to Court, where to gain a living speedily, he Undertook to give Secret Intelligence to the Secretaries of the several Ambassadours then residing at that Court; and to give the more Credit to his Reports, gave out, That he was Servant to Andrew de Rojas, Cavalier of the Order of Sant Iago, and Secretary of the Councell of State: Infomuch that he Forged Letters, Feigned Discourses, Framed Intelligences, fitted for the Purposes and Affairs of the Ambassadours wherewith he dealt, Counterfeited the Kings Hand, Indented Cyphers, made Consultations and Orders to the Number of 345 several Papers, and all with that dexterity, that he Deceived and Abused not only the Secretaries of the Emperour, the Venetian, and French Embassadours, but also and most of all, Don Lorenzo Coqui, Secretary to the late Don Lorenzo Campeggi, Nuntio to the Pope; in whose House he was at length Apprehended; upon whose Apprehension and Search of Papers, he told the Officers, That if the Tenor of those Papers should be looked upon as Jest and Conceits, he should not speed so Ill; but if as a Crime it would appear so great, that one life would not be enough to pay for the same! And his Majesty taking notice that the business was of that Importance, that the like had not been heard of found in any History, Commanded that there should be on purpose a Court of Justice composed of Two of the Chief Nobility, and Two of the Chief Judges, before whom when the said Michael de Molina was sufficiently convinced, and had made a large Confession (which for its matchless strangeness shall be Verbatim set down) he was sentenced as followeth;

**I**N the Town of *Madrid*, July 31. 1641. the Lords of his Majesties Counsell, who by Particular Order have taken cognizance of the Accusation given in by Don *Marcellino Faria de Guzman* Attorney, Nominated by his Majesty, for this Cause against *Michael de Molina* late of *Cuenca*, Prisoner in the Gaol of this Court for Offences and High-Treason, Committed by him, whereof he hath been Accused, do Condemn the said *Michael Molina* to be Hanged on a Gallows, and his Goods to be Confiscated to the Kings use, the Execution whereof they leave to the Lord Judge, D. *John de Quinones*; and this is their Will and Pleasure.

This Sentence was made known to the Prisoner upon the First of *August*, and Execution done accordingly in the Placa Major of *Madrid*, the Third day following; at which time and place the Proclamation usually made at the Execution was thus;

**T**His is the Justice which the King our Sovereign Lord Commandeth to be done upon this man, for having Committed *HIGH-TREASON*, and Published *FALSITIES, FORGERIES*, and *HORRIBLE CHEATS* on the Affairs and Grave Ministers of State; for which he Commands that he be Hanged by the Neck till he Die, to the end that it may be to him for a Punishment, and to others an Example; then Concludes, *Quien tal haze tal paga, He that thus doeth, let him thus pay for the same.* As he stood upon the Ladder ready to be turned off, he delivered in Writing to father *Andrew Emanuel* of the Society of *Jesus*, a Declaration, the Contents whereof ensueth Word for Word.

**I** Oyal Subjects of our Sovereign Lord the King, I am *Michael de Molina*, Born at *Cuenca*, the Grievousness of my Crimes is so great, that a Punishment can hardly be Invented to Equalize mine Offences against God, against our Sovereign Lord the King, whom God Preserve, against the Emperour, against my Native Country, against the Lord Duke de *Olivera*, and Sant *Lucar*, against the most Grave, Faithfull and Loyal Ministers of State, whom I have Discredited with my Forgeries and Lies. The Clemency of the King our Sovereign (whom God preserve) hath been very Eminent in Sentencing me so Mercifully: God grant, to whom I now go to render a Strict Account, that there be found Mercy for me in Life to come, and that I then pay not for the clemency shewed me here. I do here  
declare

declare and confess upon mine own free will, that not having the fear of God nor Man before mine eyes, I have been the cause of the greatest part of the mischiefs that this Monarchy suffereth, and of those calamities and miseries which you faithfull people yet suffer, for which I humbly beg pardon of all those that are Absent, as well as of you here Present. For I am the man that Feigned that the King our Sovereign Lord (whom God preserve) and the Emperour, Instigated thereunto by the Lord Duke of Saint *Lucar*, and fomented by him, did Plot the Death of our Most Holy Father *Urban* the 8th Pope, Head of the Church, and Vicar of Christ, for which purpose I Invented and Contrived Orders of the King our Sovereign, and of the Emperour, *LETTERS* from the Duke, *ORDERS*, *INSTRUCTIONS*, and *JUDGMENTS* of the Counsellors of State, with Letters from Vice-Roys and Embassadours, with purpose to abuse and deceive the Nuntio and the Embassadours of several Princes, and thereby to get Money from them, not caring for the damage might arise and accrue from thence to the World, and to this Monarchy; and not contented herewith, I Invented that in case the said Death could not be Effected, that then Endeavour should be to call a Councell, and to Depose the Pope, or make a Schism in the Church. I Invented and Forged, that the Lord Duke did by Order from the King, the Emperour and the Counsell of State, Endeavour to Kill the Cardinal *Richelieu*, Favorit to the most Christian King of *France*; for which purpose, and for the Death of the Pope, I Feigned Persons that were to have been Instruments of the same; I gave notice to the Ambassadours hereof, shewing them Letters and Orders, which I feigned as I judged meet, I made them believe that I was an Officer of the Counsell of State, & that by that means I came to the knowledge of these Plots & Conspiracies, whereby I have disturbed the World, Caused Jealousies, and Suspitions amongst all the Princes of *Europe*, and the Mischiefs that this Monarchy now suffereth. I also advertised the Embassadours, & the Enemies of this State, of *LETTERS*, *CONSULTS*, *Orders*, and *Decrees*, made by the King and Counsel, for driving the French out of *Piemont*, the Correspondencies of the Cardinal of *Savoy* with the Subjects of that State, for the Effectuating the same; the coming of Prince *Thomas* from *Flanders* to *Savoy* for the same purpose, and to lay Siege to *Casal*; of an Army to be raised, and Maintained in *Alsacia*; of an intention to Kill Duke *Bernard de Weimar* General of the *Swedes*, the intentions of the King our Sovereign, with the States of *Venice* and *Genoa* concerning *Piemont* and *Casal*; the purpose of supplies which both States of *Venice* and *Genoa* would send to *France* and *Holland*; and the intentions

tions of the Pope to ~~assist~~ *France* against *Spain*; the intent of *England* to league with *Spain*; the purpose that the *French* and *Hollanders* had to joyn their Fleets to hinder all succours of *Flanders*, and to surprise the Plate-fleet, and infest the Coasts of *Spain*; the Design that the *Hollander* had upon *Antwerp* in the Year 1638. The Success of *Fontenoy*; whereupon I feigned Letters from the Prince of *Conde*, and from the *Duchess de Cheveruse*; also concerning the Imprisonment of *Don Gualterio Peni* Secretary and Resident for *France* in this Court, with whom I had intimate friendship, which was the ground of all these Disasters: of the Secret Compliance between the Cardinal *Infante*, and the Prince of *Orenze*: of the Conspiracy by the Prince of *Orenze* to kill the Cardinal *Richelieu*; the Design of *Holland*, that the States of *Flanders* should be independent of *Spain*, and our King should renounce his Right to the Cardinal *Infanta*, to the end the *Hollanders* should receive him, and subject themselves to him: of the Capitulations and Agreement betwixt the King our Sovereign and the Duke of *Modena*, whereby I feigned that the said Duke was to assist with Six Thousand men, at his own charge, against *France*; and that the King was to give him the charge of Vice-Roy of *Catalonia*, and Twenty Thousand Souldiers to enter into *France* by *Catalonia*, which was the first ground of the War at *Salsas* and *Perpignian* the Key of *Catalonia*; of the General Resolutions of the Year 1639. in order to the Affairs of *Germany*, *Flanders*, and *Italy*: of the purpose to take away the Nuntio's Court in these Kingdoms for the disorders and Excesses of the same: of the great Resentments of the King our Sovereign against the King of *France*, for his Leagueing with the *Swedes*, his Confederation with the *Turks* and Protestant Princes of *Germany*, for his Protection and League with *Holland*; for his Commerce with *Venice* and *Genoa* to the great discommodity of *Spain*; for the disunion which he endeavoured to make between *Spain* and *England*: of the Resentment that the King our Sovereign had against the Pope, for his Amity and Assisting of *France*; and not his endeavouring rather as a Father of the whole Church to pacify the Warrs by all means possible; of the Design of changing the Commanders in Chief of all the Emperours Armies and the *Spanish*, thereby to make the People desperate, hecause of the failing of faith and credit; of the Recruiting and Arming the Gallies of *Spain*, *Cicity* and *Naples* for the maintaining commerce, secret intelligence in *Toulon* and *Marseilles*; of the capitulation of the *Venetian* with the Grand Turk: and the means whereby they drew the Turk to Assent to their Demands, and the little security the Turk had from them: All which I INVENTED,



**VENTED, FEIGNED and CONTRIVED**; together with many  
**more LETTERS, CYPHERS, Papers, &c.** without any intelligence,  
 Correspondence, or Amity with any Officer or Minister of State of  
 this Kingdom, but that I alone without the help or assistance of any o-  
 ther have Feigned and Invented all the for. said Designs, whereof I  
 gave Information to the Nuntio and his Secretary, to the said Am-  
 bassadours, and to Monsieur de *Peny* with whom I have kept cor-  
 respondence in *France* since the breaking forth of the Warr: the  
 which as a Truth I Swear before God, and declare it for discharging  
 my Conscience; I ask of God forgiveness, also of the King our So-  
 vereign (whom God preserve) of the Emperour, of the Lord Duke,  
 against whom I directed most of those forgeries, of the Duke of *Me-  
 dina las Torres*, of the Marques of *Leganes*, of the Duke of *Villaber-  
 nse*, of the Count of *Oniate*, of the Marques of *Villa Franca*, of the  
 Marques of *Mirabel*, of the most Illustrious Lord Inquisitor General,  
 the Father Confessour of the most Eminent Cardinals, the Cardinal  
*Borgia*, and Cardinal *Spinola*, and Cardinal of *Sandoval*, of the Lord  
 Don *Geronimo* of *Villanueva*, Pronotary of *Arragon*, and Secretary of  
 State, of Don *Andrew de Rojas* Secretary of State, of the Ambassadour  
 of *Genoa*, and of all the rest whom I have falsely Defamed by These  
**FORGERIES and IMPOSTURES**; and also I ask Pardon of all the  
 Faithfull and Loyal Subjects of these Kingdoms, Charging them to  
 take Example by me. And to the end that it may be manifested to all  
 times, I thus make Declaration, that God may Pardon me, and for  
 the Satisfaction of this, and all other Nations which I have disturbed  
 with the wickedness of my Inventions. In witness whereof I have  
 hereunto set my Name, Dated in the Placa Mayor, and Place of Exe-  
 cution in *Madrid*, the 3 of *August*, 1641. Thus Ended *Michael de  
 Molina*, in whom the *Refran* or *Spanish* Proverb was Verified; *Quien  
 en un año quiere ser rico al medio le ahorcan*, He that will be rich in one  
 year, shall be hanged at half years End.

**FINIS.**